

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
February 27, 2014

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Michelle Durocher and David White of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not present. Also present were Susan Chapnick, Bruce Whittle, Steve Prowten, Jonathan Roger, Terry Dash, Stephan Miller, Bethann Friedman, Vicki Ford, Jake Upton, Rick Gallagher, Janine White, Clarissa Rowe, Melissa McDonald, Jennifer Davidson, Michelle Barry.

7:45pm – Commission Business:

Connors/Coleman motioned to approve the 2/6/14 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Ecofest will be held on March 29 at Town Hall from 10-2pm.

The Warrant Article to fund the **waterbodies** maintenance account was approved by the Finance Committee for \$40K.

Ms. Beckwith will post a notice in the Arlington Advocate regarding the **clean up** of Meadowbrook Park on April 12.

8pm **Enforcement** – 60 Lowell St

Melissa McDonald and Jennifer Davidson presented a revised plan to mitigate for cutting down trees next to Mill Brook. The plan includes 9 trees and 19 shrubs planted on both side of Mill Brook, in the vicinity of the cut trees. The work will include the removal and treatment of invasive plants.

The bulk of the plants will be installed in the fall of 2014, with the red maples being planted in spring 2015 as red maple are a “fall hazard” so should not be planted in fall.

The Davidsons will submit at report on the survival of the trees and shrubs in late summer or fall of 2015. This report shall include the extent of invasive plant removal.

The Davidsons will secure a letter of agreement from the Phaneufs for access to their property and forward it to the Conservation Commission by April 3.

Coleman/Connors motioned to approve the above mitigation plan; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm – **Notice of Intent** – Mystic River Oil Spill and clean up

White/Coleman motioned to continue the hearing to 3/20 at 8pm, at the applicant's request; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Determination** – Lot E Dothan Rd

Ms. Beckwith reported that she was waiting for Town Hall to set up the account before we could notify the applicant of the Commission's selection of peer review consultant. White/Connors motioned to continue this hearing in order to hire the peer review consultant to March 20th at 8:45pm; motion passed unanimously.

8:45pm **Discussion** - Symmes

Mr. Stevens recused himself from this discussion due to conflict of interest.

Ms. Rowe and Mr. Upton presented the boundary plan in two versions. The drafted Conservation Restriction was sent to the board via email earlier in the day.

The sales trailer will remain until June, then that area will be restored.

They asked that the Conservation Commission vote to approve the Conservation Restriction at its next meeting on March 6.

Commission Business, cont.

Ms. Beckwith asked for feedback from an earlier project to replace a **gas line** under Mystic St, in order to direct a prospective applicant on a similar project.

The Commission met applicants for **membership** to the board. The board introduced themselves and then had the applicants do the same. The board directed Ms. Beckwith to meet with one additional applicant who was not able to attend and then the board will move forward with selection.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator